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### RESOLUTION 19-92

#### RESOLUTION OF THE NAVAJO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUPPORTING AMENDMENTS TO THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT

WHEREAS, the Endangered Species Act is due to be reauthorized by Congress in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Congress has expressly reserved the right to reconsider the Endangered Species Act during the reauthorization process; and

WHEREAS, The Endangered Species Act has been significantly expanded since 1973 to expand coverage beyond species to subspecies and distinct population segments; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of the Act has significantly increased the number of potential species subject to listing from 650 to over 3,600 currently being considered; and

WHEREAS, the current and future expansion of ESA listing decisions is causing a significant negative impact on job creation, local tax revenues, and economic opportunity; and

WHEREAS, there is an insufficient recognition of such economic hardships in the ESA decision-making process; and

WHEREAS, there is an insufficient opportunity for peer review of scientific data supporting petitions for listing and recovery plans; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Act may be strengthened and maintained by focussing endangered species protections on important species; and

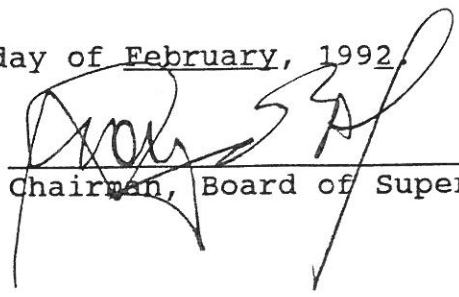
WHEREAS, the Endangered Species Act does not sufficiently account for state and local planning statutes and zoning codes; and

WHEREAS, private property rights are significantly impacted by ESA decisions which do not take into account sufficiently the human, social and economic consequences of a broad expansion of species and subspecies protection;

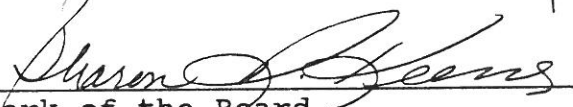
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Navajo County Board of Supervisors urge the Congress to enact amendments to the Endangered Species Act which will give more balance to the human, social and economic consequences of ESA protections, while protecting wildlife and habitat conservation; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Navajo County Board of Supervisors urge the Congress to enact amendments to further clarify the impact of the Act on the use of federal, state, local and private lands.

APPROVED and DATED this 24th day of February, 1992.

  
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Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

  
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Clerk of the Board